



MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

VISITOR DISTRIBUTION & TRANSPORTATION STUDY/EIS

Assumptions Common to All Alternatives



- Design year - 2023
- Visitor access to all facilities and areas remain same as today
- Development of new Cultural Center at Park Entrance:
 - Curatorial component - 2007
 - Visitor orientation/staging - 2010
 - Museum - 2010
- Far View Visitor Center functions with same mix of uses as today:
 - Visitor use: 60% of space; Office use: 40% of space
- Reconstruction of Far View Lodge - 2006:
 - Capacity remains same as today
 - Annual use may increase due to shoulder season or year-round use
- Morefield Campground
 - Capacity reduced by 24 sites in Navajo Loop due to construction of new employee housing
- Soda Point functions with same use as today:
 - Small-scale food service and craft sales
- Continue general maintenance of the roadway system including resurfacing, chip sealing, rock scaling, retaining walls and tunnel maintenance. Scheduled roadway improvements for Park Entrance Road include:
 1. Point Lookout area retaining wall construction (6 locations between •mp 2.2 and 3.0)
 2. Horseshoe Bend realignment and surface reconstruction/stabilization •(mp 6.2-6.4)
 3. Line Change pullout removal, grade flattening and guardrail •installation (mp 8.2)
 4. Bravo (B-cut) Westerly alignment shift, new rockfall ditch and •pullout/viewing area construction (mp 9.0-9.4)
- Park Entrance Road remains in all alternatives

